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SUBJ: AIRSHIP DEAL WITH VENEZUELAN COMPANY

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1. EMBASSY HAS INVESTIGATED THIS CLAIMED SALE OF 22 AIRSHIPS WITH ALL GOV AGENCIES POSSIBLY INVOLVED AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN INFO REGARDING THE VENEZUELAN FIRM AEROVISION.

2. THE GOV REACTION CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS RANING FROM IN-CREDULITY TO HEARTY LAUGHTER. THERE IS NO RPT NO INTENTION TO ALLWO SUCH A SYSTEM AND NO GOV AGENCY HAS BEEN APPROACHED IN THIS RESPECT. THE EMBAASY FURTHERMORE HAS ATTEMPTED TO DISCOVER THE IDENTITY OF THE PROMOTERS BUT A FIRM OF THIS NAME IS UNKNOWN AND HAS NOT BEEN COMMERCIALY REGISTERED. A LOCAL CREDIT INVESTIGATION AGENCY HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN INFO ON AEROVISION ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY, ALSO WITHOUT SUCCESS.

3. IN THE ABSENCE OF A GOV-APPROVED PROGRAM OR GOV INTEREST, THE STATEMENT IN THE ARTICLE CONCERNING STIFF COMPETITION FROM THE US, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE AND JAPAN MUST THEREFORE ALSO BE DOUBTED.

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